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Vermont Public Service Board  
112 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05620-2701

Re: CPG #NM-6691 – Response to Comments

Dear Clerk,

On January 21, 2016, the Public Service Board (the “Board”) requested that Peck Electric, Inc. (the “Applicant”) respond to those comments submitted by the Department of Public Services (the “DPS”), the Agency of Natural Resources (“ANR”) and the Town of Charlotte (“Charlotte”) regarding the project in Docket #NM-6691 (the “Project”).

The Applicant hereby submits the following response, as well as attached visual impact analysis, including a planting plan as requested by the DPS, and preliminary resource analysis in order to address concerns raised by those parties.

*Aesthetics*

As stated in aesthetic memo, the Project will be visible for short periods along Route 7, as well as from certain lookout points of Mt. Philo. As a result, the Project would likely have adverse impacts to the aesthetics and scenic and natural beauty of the area. However, even if impacts were to be considered adverse, given the low visual magnitude of the Project within possible views and surrounding context, including the built environment and established development, it could not be considered undue.

As a result, the Project would not “*materially jeopardize or interfere with the function, efficiency, or safety of, or the public's use or enjoyment of or access to the facility, service, or lands.*”

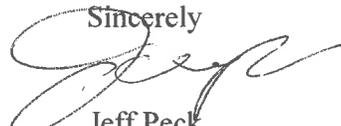
*Wetlands*

In response to ANR’s concerns regarding wetland impacts, the Applicant conducted a preliminary wetland analysis. However, due to seasonal constraints, a full wetland delineation was not possible. Therefore the applicant accepts the conditions proposed by ANR in their October 16, 2015 comments.

*Conclusion*

Based on the aesthetic analysis and acceptance of ANR’s proposed conditions to the CPG regarding wetland avoidance, the Project will not raise significant issues with regards to applicable 248 criteria.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely  
  
Jeff Peck  
Peck Electric, Inc.

Enclosed: Preliminary Resource Analysis, Visual Impact Analysis

Cc: Vermont Department of Public Service  
Vermont Agency of Natural Resources  
Town of Charlotte